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Chair's Message



As the world began to recover from a pandemic, we entered 2021 achieving many of the People's Transportation Plan accomplishments, including the delivery of the final pair of new Metrorail vehicles, and breaking ground on the South Corridor rapid transit project.

The new Metrorail fleet is an important investment in the future of Miami-Dade County's transit system, providing a vehicle fleet that the riding public can be proud of and enjoy for many generations to come. That is why the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) continues to closely monitor the maintenance and care of this significant investment.

We are also making great progress with the rapid transit corridors outlined in Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, including the South Corridor.

As one of the corridors in the original People's Transportation Plan, I am pleased that the CITT was able to approve approximately \$100 million in local 'half-penny' surtax funds for its design and construction. The development of the South Corridor will greatly improve mobility, foster economic growth along the corridor, and enhance the safety and convenience of transit services.

It will offer a seamless transit connection to our Metrorail system, which in 2012 was extended to Miami International Airport – an extension also funded with 'half-penny' dollars.

As a cyclist, I am particularly happy to see that the South Corridor will have a shared-use path and bicycle amenities at all stations, which will enhance first/last mile connectivity to the County's rapid transit services.

I am confident that as people experience the new South Corridor, word will spread of its effectiveness and it will take more cars off our roads, giving us more mobility and a cleaner environment.

Joe Curbelo, Chair
Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust

Miami-Dade County Receives the Last Pair of New Metrorail Cars



Earlier this year, the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) received the last pair of new Metrorail vehicles, completing the upgrade of its 136-vehicle fleet.

Funded by approximately \$385 Million of surtax funds from the People's Transportation Plan, the new fleet has already greatly improved the reliability and quality of service of the Metrorail system.

"This is a very important investment in the future of the County's transit system and a vehicle fleet that the riding public can be proud of," said Joe Curbelo, Chair of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust.

The assembly of the new rail cars began in 2016. In late 2017, the first new Metrorail train was placed into service, making the new rail cars the first to be placed into service since the Metrorail opened in 1984.

On-Demand Service Enhancements Provide Additional Mobility Options

In the spring of 2021, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved an Ordinance that gives municipalities greater flexibility in the use of their transportation surtax funds by eliminating a requirement that municipal on-demand services only be used for trips within certain boundaries, and by expanding the coverage area up to five miles.

Under the new Ordinance, cities can provide on-demand service to places such as clinics, pharmacies, grocery stores, employment centers, schools, and more.

Services, such as Miami-Dade County's Go Connect, are also helping to close first/last mile connectivity gaps. Go Connect recently expanded to provide service in the Dadeland, South Miami, Civic Center, West Kendall, and Town of Cutler Bay areas. To learn more about Go Connect, visit: goconnect.miamidade.gov.



Photos courtesy of the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Town of Cutler Bay.

The South Corridor Rapid Transit Project Now Under Construction



In early June 2021, the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works broke ground on the South Corridor Rapid Transit Project, one of six corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, and one of the original rapid transit corridors in the People's Transportation Plan.

Anticipated to begin service by early 2023, the South Corridor will provide high-quality transit service that will have similar features to those of rail service. These will include pre-empted signals, and pre-paid and level boarding, among other features.



The CITT supported this project with the approval of \$100 Million of local 'half-penny' surtax funds towards the project's design and construction. The remainder of the project's nearly \$300 Million cost is being funded by matching federal and state dollars.



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The Trust Adds Three New Members and Welcomes Back Two Members

In February 2021, the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) welcomed the Honorable Peggy Bell, former Mayor of the Town of Cutler Bay, and Meg Daly, Founder and President of Friends of The Underline, to the Trust membership.



Honorable Peggy Bell



Meg Daly



Mary Street, Esq.

Ms. Bell, who was appointed to represent Miami-Dade County Commission District 8 on the Trust, played an important role in shaping the Town of Cutler Bay, first as a Council Member, and later as the town's first female Mayor.

Ms. Daly heads the non-profit organization for The Underline – an innovative project that is actively transforming the underutilized land below Miami's Metrorail into a 120-acre linear park, urban trail and public art destination spanning 10-miles in the urban core. Ms. Daly is representing Miami-Dade County Commission District 7 on the CITT.

In May 2021, the CITT welcomed attorney Mary Street, who is representing Miami-Dade County Commission District 5 on the Trust. Ms. Street lived for many years without a car, choosing instead to walk, bike and ride transit as her principal modes of transportation in several cities. She is an advocate for improving transit and mobility services, safety, and access throughout Miami-Dade County.

The CITT also welcomed back veteran Trust Members Paul J. Schwiep, Esq. an attorney with Coffey Burlington, who is now representing the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Office; and Alfred J. Holzman, who is now representing Miami-Dade County Commission District 6 on the Trust.



Paul J. Schwiep, Esq.



Alfred J. Holzman

Opportunities to serve as a volunteer member of the Trust frequently arise. Citizens interested in serving on the Trust are encouraged to visit our website at www.miamidade.gov/citt for additional information.

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